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| Title: | DISPOSABLE NON-INVASIVE BLOOD PRESSURE SENSOR | | |

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING FACSIMILE TRANSMITTED TO THE
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Sir:

This Reply is submitted in response to the Office action dated October 4, 2005, setting a three month shortened statutory period for response that expires on January 4, 2006. A formal Petition to extend the shortened statutory period to February 4, 2006, or as necessary to avoid abandonment of the application, is appended, but the Office may consider this statement to be a substitute petition and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1038 in the event that the formal petition is missing or defective. Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2. No amendment of the specification or drawings has been made. Remarks begin on page 5 following the claim amendments. Further examination and reconsideration and admission of the amendment and allowance of the application respectfully are requested.

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Office Action Response